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Westfield Police Department and Public Works Begin National Accreditation Process

Westfield, IN – The Westfield Police Department and the Westfield Public Works Department announced that they are currently in the initial stages of national and statewide accreditation. Both accreditation processes involve the voluntary adoption of recognized and professional standards utilized by law enforcement and public works agencies throughout the country and within the State of Indiana.

The Police Department's accreditation program is through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Association (CALEA) and the Indiana Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (ILEAC). "Approximately 480 agencies throughout the nation have received accreditation and it is the department's goal to implement all of the standards into policy within two years," says Assistant Police Chief Mike Allen. "This is an extremely demanding process but our officers are dedicated to achieving our goal," says Allen.

The Public Works Department's accreditation process is through the American Public Works Association (APWA). "It is a number one priority for our staff to obtain this accreditation," says Public Works Assistant Director, Kurt Wanninger. "We want the residents of our community to know that the services they receive are accredited and nationally recognized," says Wanninger.

Some of the benefits associated with both accreditations are:

- Strengthen crime prevention
- Formalize management procedures
- Establish fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices
- Improve the delivery of services
- Solidify inter-agency cooperation and coordination
- Boost citizen and staff confidence
- Stronger defense against lawsuits
- Greater accountability within the agency
- Increased community advocacy
- Recognition for professionalism, excellence and competence

For additional information, or more details regarding the above mentioned accreditations, please feel free to contact me at the above numbers.

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